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Thank you. Good afternoon everyone. It is a pleasure to be here.

To be frank, in my company, Goodyear, like the industry in which Goodyear participates, the Canada/U.S. border is not really an issue. I think the most serious implication these days is foreign exchange, I suspect, in terms of our trading back and forth.

This afternoon we are very fortunate to have with us Mr. Papademetriou. He is a senior associate and the co-director of the National Migration Policy Program at the Carnegie endowment. Mr. Papademetriou did his undergraduate work at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. in international relations and comparative politics from the University of Maryland. From 1984 to 1988 he managed Population Associates International, a research company. From 1988 until 1992 he was director for Migration Policy and Research for the U.S. Department of Labor, and he chaired the Secretary of Labor's Immigration Policy Task Force. Thereafter, he served as chair of the Migration Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). At the Carnegie Endowment Mr. Papademetriou concentrates on U.S. policies and practices regarding immigration and refugee matters, as well as the migration policies of European and other developed nations. He is also, in addition to his other positions, the co-founder and the Chair Emeritus of the Metropolis, an international forum for research and policy on migration in cities. He has taught at the University of Maryland, Duke, the graduate faculty of The New School and The American University. He has published over a one hundred fifty works on immigration and refugee policies on immigration and the relationship between international migration and development.

To those of you who may not have had an opportunity to look at Mr. Papademetriou's paper I would recommend it to you. I found it fascinating.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Papademetriou.

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